

The U.S. Department of Education's Student Art Exhibit Program, now in its 11th year under the direction of the Office of Communications and Outreach and the Office of Innovation and Improvement, features visual and performing arts created by students in U.S. and international schools. The program provides students and teachers an opportunity to display creative work from the classroom in a highly public place that honors their work as an effective path to learning and knowledge for all. The works also provide Department employees and visitors with both a beautiful environment and the means to be in touch with the Department's principal customers—students.

The program features two exhibits at all times throughout the year: The winners of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are exhibited for a year beginning every August, and another exhibit, rotated every two to three months, accommodates the many educators who want to exhibit their students' work. Exhibits are currently booked through 2018. To schedule a visit to the exhibits contact Jacquelyn Zimmermann at 202-401-0762 or at jacquelyn.zimmermann@ed.gov.



## Welcome

Associate Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement U.S. Department of Education

Ursula Wright

## Remarks

Iredell-Statesville Superintendent of Schools and 2014 North Carolina State Superintendent of the Year **Brady Johnson** 

"Step It Up and Go" Iredell-Statesville Bluegrass Musicians

Iredell-Statesville Bluegrass Musicians Coached by Dirk Dowell and Andrea Galliher

Dallas Brown, Bass Guitar, 11th grade, North Iredell High Davis Brown, Rhythm Guitar, 6th grade, North Iredell Middle Garris Coulter, Lead Guitar/Vocals, 9th grade, North Iredell High Evan Hoots, Banjo, 7th grade North Iredell Middle Jake Tevepaugh, Fiddle, 4th grade, Shepherd Elementary Kirsten Tevepaugh, Fiddle, 7th grade, Mount Mourne IB

"Tom Dooley"
Iredell-Statesville Bluegrass Musicians

Selections from Tom Dooley

Iredell-Statesville Actors Directed by David Bradley

Music historians say that the song "Tom Dooley" is one of the most recognizable songs in the world—that it single-handedly started the folk music era of the 1960s. The story of the North Carolina mountain man, who was convicted and hanged in 1868 in Statesville for the murder of his girlfriend Laura Foster, has been passed down for generations, and transcends all geographic borders and languages. Students will be performing scenes from the outdoor drama, "Tom Dooley: A Wilkes County Legend," written by Karen Reynolds. The story is not a pretty one, but it's part of our town's history, and we believe it's an important one to tell.

Tom Dooley- Dalton Hart, 12th grade, North Iredell High Civil War veteran and ladies' man, former beau of Anne Foster Melton, presumed father of Laura's baby

> Laura Foster- Kate Bradley, 10th grade, Statesville High Murdered while pregnant out of wedlock

Anne Foster Melton- Gabby Moran, 9th grade, South Iredell High *Laura's Foster's cousin, jealous of Tom's interest in Laura* 

James Melton- Nick Osborne, 10th grade, South Iredell High *Anne's husband* 

Perline Foster- Marlee Wegmiller, 9th grade, South Iredell High Laura Foster's cousin and a household helper for Anne and James Melton

Betsy- Kasey Ireland, 12th grade, Statesville High *Laura's friend* 

Colonel Zebulon Vance- Jeremiah Alsop, 12th grade, Visual and Performing Arts Center Tom Dooley's lawyer, future governor of North Carolina

## Remarks

Student Representative **Jeremiah Alsop**12th grade, Visual and Performing Arts Center

Iredell-Statesville Cloggers
Coached by Phyllis VanHoy

Dancing to "Old Joe Clark" performed by ISS bluegrass musicians

Kinsey Birch, 9th grade, South Iredell High
Mark Parker, 12th grade, Visual and Performing Arts Center
Logan Potts, 8th grade, West Iredell Middle
Mackenzy Sharpe, 6th grade, Northview IB
Kamie Souther, 8th grade, North Iredell Middle
Angel Torrealba, 12th grade, Statesville High

Call to Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

Reception